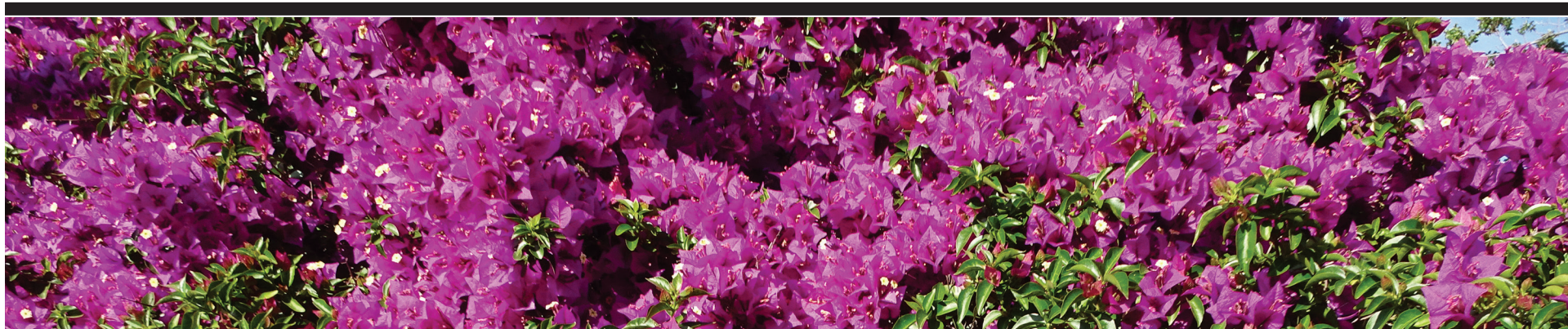




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Supervisor Tavaglione dissolves Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council

After more than 25 years of Highgrove having a community organization that has a collective voice to communicate with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, that collective voice has been silenced by Supervisor John Tavaglione who decided to eliminate the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council on April 11, 2017.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 11, 2017 the agenda included a "Public Hearing" for the **Dissolution of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council**. 12 members of the Highgrove community had to wait 5 ½ hours before this item was considered by the Board of Supervisors. One of the residents became ill during this long wait and had to leave before speaking but there were 12 Highgrove residents who attended this meeting to oppose doing away with the MAC.

6 speakers spoke during the public comments portion of the "public hearing". The Highgrove residents who spoke were Ardie Barnett, "Barney" Barnett, Melanie Zimmermann, David Amdahl, Becky Luther and Mary Losh.

12 long time Highgrove residents who attended the public hearing represented over 400 collective years of people who live in Highgrove. But the comments at this "**Public Hearing**" fell on deaf ears and the wishes of the "**public**" was not "**Heard**" by Supervisor Tavaglione. It was evident that his decision had already been made way before receiving any input from the community members. A petition was also turned in that included 92 signatures from other residents who could not attend the hearing that were part of the door to door petition that simply stated: "**The following residents are in favor of continuing the Highgrove MAC**".

We understand that the process of a public hearing is required, but the written efforts made to continue the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council contained in the door to door petition, the on-line petition, the verbal comments made by the speakers, and the phone calls to Supervisor Tavaglione's office were not un-reasonable requests.

The California Government Code Section 31010 has not been violated.

Policy A-51 provides that the Board of Supervisors may, in its sole discretion, dissolve a municipal advisory council if the Board determines that the municipal advisory council is no longer functioning in conformance with California Government Code Section 31010 following a public hearing.

But there is no evidence that the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was in violation of California Government Code 31010.

The code applies after or "**following a public hearing**". Does this mean that after the public hearing, the Board could later determine if the Highgrove MAC was or was not functioning in conformance with the California Government Code?

What if, "**following the public hearing**", the Board found out after further examination that there was no violation. Could the Highgrove MAC then be re-established?

Here is what the California Government Code Section 31010 states:

Government Code Section 31010 provides for:

(a) the name of the municipal advisory council: **Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council**

(b) The qualifications, number, and method of selection of its members, whether by election or appointment: **By appointment**

(c) Its designated powers and duties: **Advise the Board of supervisors on matters including but not limited to, public safety, planning, health, transportation, parks and community development.**

(d) The unincorporated area or areas for which the municipal advisory council is established:

The boundaries within CSA 126 known as Highgrove

(e) Whether the establishment of the council should be submitted to the voters and the method for such submission; provided that if an election is required pursuant to subdivision such election shall be held at the same time as an election held pursuant to this subdivision: **Highgrove MAC members were appointed not elected.**

(f) Such other rules, regulations and procedures as may be necessary in connection with the establishment and operation of the municipal advisory council: **None of the above provisions from the State of California Government Code Section 31010 have been violated.**

"Highgrove MAC no longer necessary!"

Supervisor Tavaglione stated that: "*the council is no longer necessary and that deactivating it will allow the county to redirect limited staff resources to matters of greater importance*".

But is this a valid reason to deactivate the entire Highgrove MAC? I told Supervisor Tavaglione if he didn't want to send a county representative to the MAC meetings, at least he could let the community continue to communicate with him through the MAC.

Supervisor Tavaglione's statements at the Board of Supervisors meeting:

Supervisor Tavaglione said: "*I have never had a MAC and the present cities of Jurupa Valley and Eastvale were created without a MAC*". He also said: "*I don't need a MAC and I want to disband the MAC*".

"He said the MAC has gotten out of hand because of leadership, this has been Barney's Show about the Highgrove Metrolink and his Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and has nothing to do with the community of Highgrove. Supervisor Tavaglione also said that "Barney" was trying to change the minutes to suit him and he heard from a reliable source that he was going to the Grand Jury to use MAC Funds to sue the county.

These are very serious accusations but they are not true! So let's set the record straight!

The request for a Metrolink station goes back 15 years that started at one of our community meetings and as you know, the information in our paper is all about Highgrove.

The reason the minutes were changed was because they were incorrect and I can prove it with a DVD copy of the Highgrove MAC meeting of Oct. 19, 2016. In regard to using MAC Funds to sue the county, the Highgrove MAC does not handle any money! The MAC is (was) only an advisory group and none of the MAC members have ever had the authority, or access to any MAC Funds for anything! All financial matters were handled through the Supervisor's office.

Remember, Supervisor Tavaglione's personal attacks on me were made after I had already resigned from the MAC and since I was gone, there was no reason for Supervisor Tavaglione to dissolve the entire Highgrove MAC

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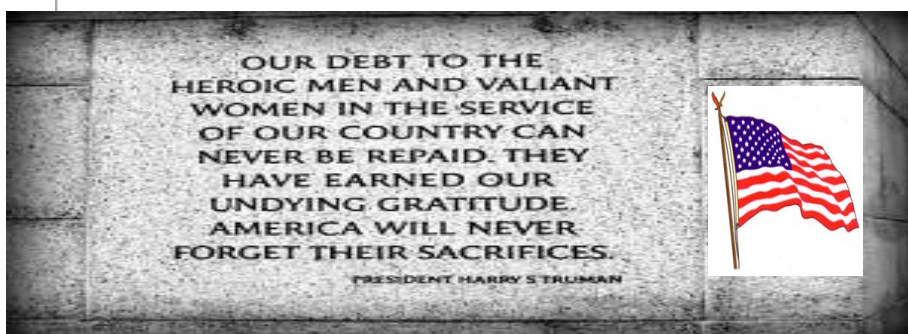


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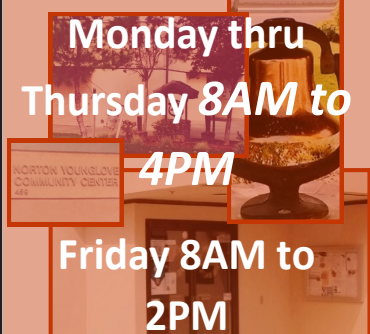
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SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE DISSOLVES MAC

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if I was no longer a MAC member.

After a brief discussion, the 3 other Supervisors voted to pass Tavaglione's motion to disband the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

Barnett accused of: "changing MAC minutes!"

When the Oct. 19, 2016 minutes were sent to me from the MAC secretary, Raina Boal, I corrected the spelling, the incomplete sentences, and arranged the items in sequence according to the agenda. A portion of the minutes she sent to me was wrong. She wrote: ***"Barney spoke to another attorney that he previously spoke to. Guided Barney not to sue but to ask the county on an official attorney's letterhead"***.

I corrected this portion of the minutes she sent to me to read: **"Barney spoke to another attorney that he previously spoke to and this attorney said to gather questions to give to the county on his official letterhead. The attorney did not guide Barney not to sue!"**

At the November 2016 MAC meeting Raina did not want to approve the Oct. 19, 2016 minutes because she felt something was wrong but did not say what it was.

On Dec. 3, 2016 I sent Raina an e-mail that said: "Let me know what you are looking for and I will help you correct any mistakes". I told Raina the October minutes were put on our computer then cleared off for the November 2016 meeting but we were unable to get the October video off our computer for distribution. I invited her to come to our house and view the video on our computer.

Why is this correction so important?

I needed to protect my integrity and reputation, and to show that the corrections I made are valid. This was very important to me so I hired a computer expert to come to my home and download the video of the Oct. 19, 2016 minutes off our computer screen and onto a DVD. Copies of this DVD show that the corrections I made to the Oct. 19, 2016 minutes prove that I never said that the attorney **"Guided Barney not to sue"**. (The attorney said that he has no problem suing the county for re-imbursement for the Sheriff we no longer have)

The accusation that "Barney changed the minutes" was stated by Supervisor Tavaglione at the public hearing on April 11, 2017 but I was not allowed to respond to these verbal accusations.

A video of the public comments and Supervisor Tavaglione's decision to eliminate the Highgrove MAC can be seen by going to www.highgrove-happenings.net and clicking on:

Tavaglione then asked Becky Luther to be the point of contact but that scared me because Becky Luther is the one who wanted to throw all of the Highgrove historical records away that are in the container!

Protect the historical items in the container at the Norton Younglove Community Center

During my visit with Becky Luther on Feb. 22, 2017 at Supervisor Tavaglione's office, while waiting for three county representatives to come in, (where Supervisor Tavaglione was absent), I mentioned that the contents in the container contained items of historical significance that included boxes of information relating to the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper that were stored on the shelves inside the container. Becky said that the container may be moved and I asked what would happen to the contents. She said they would probably be thrown away! The contents inside the container allowed me to find important information dating back 25 years dated Feb. 12, 1992 that showed the breakdown of the sheriff fees. It also allowed me to discover the Ashley agreement dated Nov. 9, 2009 that showed no money was supposed to come out of the CSA funds to pay for the extra sheriff patrols.

During the March meeting, Raina said I was using the MAC as a source of information for the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper and the past practice of the Sheriff giving me the crime stats should not continue. She also asked if I was using the container for my personal use by storing the newspaper research documents in the container. I said they were not mine because I donated the information to the community for use in a future museum or for use as a time capsule.

Other items we are looking for are a smudge pot, a Post Office Box from the Highgrove Post Office in the 50's, cancelled checks from the Highgrove Bank in the 40's, or other items from Highgrove's historical past.

Meeting with Supervisor Tavaglione where he was absent:

Supervisor Tavaglione requested that the MAC Vice Chairman, Becky Luther and I come to his office on Feb. 22, 2017 but he was not present at this meeting. County representatives present included John Field, Chief of Staff, Jason Farin, Legislative Rep., and Suzanne Holland from the Economic Development Agency. We were told that Supervisor Tavaglione had a sore shoulder and would not be coming to the meeting.

If Supervisor Tavaglione had been present at the meeting on Feb. 22, 2017 where Becky Luther and I attended that he requested, he would have known that I stated that the MAC cannot sue the county because the MAC did not pay the \$120.00 assessment for the Highgrove Sheriff but the individual residents who paid the parcel fee may seek re-imbursement.

At this same meeting I read a portion of the minutes from 25 years ago dated **Feb. 12, 1992** that gave a breakdown showing that the distribution of the \$10.00 per month assessment would be **\$7.96** for police (Sheriff) and **\$2.04** for Park and Recreation where Doug Vierra, a county representative, was present at this meeting.

I also read a letter from over 7 years ago dated **Nov. 9, 2009** regarding an agreement about the designated Highgrove Sheriff that was eliminated. The agreement stated:

"Senior Management of EDA, Supervisor Marion Ashley, and the Sheriff's office met to discuss the Sheriff's service to Highgrove. An agreement was made to provide patrols to Highgrove. This agreement does not include the use of CSA funds for the patrols."

When I discovered the agreement that said that our CSA funds would not be used for the patrols, I sent an e-mail to the EDA asking if the \$35,000.00 comes out of the money collected from the annual \$120.00 parcel assessment that are CSA 126 Funds.

On Oct. 19, 2016 I received the following answer back from Suzanne Holland of the EDA:

"YES the \$35,000.00 does come out of CSA 126."

Then, in an e-mail I received back from the Sheriff Dept. on Feb. 9, 2017, the Sheriff Dept. stated that in Fiscal Year 2015/16: **"We received \$25,000.00 in funding for the entire fiscal year and in fiscal Year 2016/17 we received \$35,000.00 in funding for the entire fiscal year."**

THESE DEDUCTIONS TOTALING **\$60,000.00** ARE IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT THAT WAS MADE DURING SUPERVISOR ASHLEYS JURISDICTION. THESE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS WERE STARTED DURING SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE'S JURISDICTION AND THESE DEDUCTIONS NEEDS TO STOP!

We lost our Designated Sheriff that was assigned exclusively to Highgrove over 7 years ago but we are still paying \$120.00 per year on our property tax bills to pay for the Sheriff we do not have. And now, an additional \$60,000 has been taken out of our CSA funds that were supposed to come out of the General fund instead of being taken out of our CSA funds.

Supervisor Ashley Previous Policy:

During Supervisor Ashley's Supervision (before the boundaries were changed) Supervisor Ashley's policy was that a developer wanting to build something in Highgrove would attend a Highgrove MAC meeting first, before going to the county planning commission.

This policy enabled residents to know what was planned in our community and it worked for many years. Here are some of the developers who came to the Highgrove MAC meetings:

Former Bixby property now owned by Lansing Company:

Gregory Lansing, CEO of the Lansing Company attended a MAC meeting and made a presentation about the 68 acres of vacant land in the middle of Highgrove that will become a Shopping Center, Townhouses, Condos and Apartments. You may remember that this property is the same property that was approved for warehouses on Jan. 13, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors over the objections of the Highgrove residents. But luckily the permits for the warehouses expired and now this same property has now been sold to the Lansing company for use as explained above.

Meridian Pointe:

Another developer that is building 36 single family homes on the N/E corner of Spring and Garfield already had approval from the MAC when the previous owner AW West Properties came to the Highgrove MAC first. AW West Builders sold the property to Meridian who is now building 36 new homes at this location.

Used car lot on Iowa Avenue:

Another developer attended the MAC meeting recently who wants local approval for a used car lot on Iowa Ave. between the liquor store and the Executive Image car lot.

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HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS

TRENTON VISYAK EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK



Congratulations to Trenton Visyak who earned his Eagle Scout rank on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. He started out in Cub Scout Pack 389 as a Tiger in Highgrove when he was in first grade. Throughout the years he continued his journey earning his Webelos rank and Arrow of Light award from Pack 242 in Grand Terrace. When he crossed over he joined Troop 40 in Grand Terrace where he has enjoyed many adventures. Over his 12 years of scouting some of these adventures have included camping, hiking, rappelling down rocks and water falls, canoeing, welding, and shot gun shooting.

Overall in the Boy Scout program only about 2% of the boys become Eagle Scouts although the trend is increasing every year. In 2014 the Boy Scouts recognized 6.01% of its eligible scouts as Eagle Scouts. To become an Eagle scout you need to complete requirements that involve leadership, outdoor skills, and service. During this journey the scout must show proficiency of several skills before advancing through the ranks. Out of 136 merit badges he must also complete 21 merit badges with 13 of these being Eagle required merit badges. They must also complete a worthy service project.



To complete his Eagle rank, Trenton's service project was to provide UTM coordinates to the San Bernardino Sheriff's Search & Rescue unit for campgrounds and trailheads on Highway 38 between Angelus Oaks and Onyx Summit. These coordinates were then placed on a map for emergency service personnel to visualize where these camps and trail-

heads were located. These coordinates were also given to the various emergency services that respond in the area.

HIGHGROVE VIDEOS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

EVENTS AVAILABLE:

- Tavaglione eliminates MAC April 11, 2017
- Highgrove Community meeting April 19, 2017

www.HighgroveHappenings.net

SUPERVISOR ASHLEY PREVIOUS POLICY

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21 new houses:

An additional small developer attended the MAC meeting who wants to build 18 houses on the property previously owned by the Brook church and 3 more houses in the old part of Highgrove.

What do we do now?

Now that the MAC is gone does that mean that a developer does not have to consider what the community wants and can go directly to the county planning department? Has a policy change been made? Is the MAC and the community being by-passed because the developer can build whatever he wants by going directly to the planning department for approval of a project in Highgrove?

Why is losing the Highgrove MAC so important?

Disadvantages:

The Highgrove MAC was the only collective voice of the people where the meetings are open to the public for the Municipal Advisory Council to receive input from the community to be relayed to our county Supervisor about items of interest and concerns in Supervisor Tavaglione's district.

Why the Highgrove Happenings was started:

Over 23 years ago, one of the reasons we started the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper is because Highgrove could not get the San Bernardino Sun and the Press Enterprise would only print something if it was bad or sensational. Another reason we started the paper is that a Press Enterprise columnist who lived in Grand Terrace had a column about Grand Terrace and Highgrove but many of the things she included in her articles were not accurate. As an example one of her articles stated there would be a community meeting at the Methodist church on Christmas eve which was incorrect.

I felt that the Highgrove residents needed to know what is going on in our small community. Back then we depended on TV or the Press Enterprise because there was no social media or internet like there is today.

I remember thinking: "If they built a prison in Highgrove, we wouldn't know what it is, until they put the bars in the windows."

Unfortunately, maybe we are back to square one after all these years. Highgrove has lost its collective voice and the county and future developers will be the only ones who decide what happens to our community without any input from our neighbors!

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RANSOM VIRUS SHUTS DOWN HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS!

Everything was lost due to someone hacking into our computer. We ended up with a blank screen but due to our computer repair expert Adrien Reyes and our technical assistant Debbie Corona, we did not have to pay ransom to the hackers. Many hours were spent trying to recover graphics, artwork and advertisements from our previous issues in order to bring you this issue. This is the first time this has ever happened to us and has been very complicated and expensive to try and correct.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO CONTINUE HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS NEWSPAPER!

Since 1994 the Highgrove Happenings has been providing information to you free of charge that is delivered to your home. For twenty-three years we have tried to keep our Highgrove residents and surrounding neighbors informed about what is going on in our area.

Many of you may know that my wife has had surgery and her health no longer permits her to do the computer work that she has done for many years. She and I have different skills that contribute to publishing a monthly paper out of our house and she is very skilled at the computer. but I am not!

I have a really good assistant that is very good in doing what Ardie used to do, but naturally we have to pay her for helping. We also have costs such as paying the printer in Ontario, delivery costs to the Clark family in Highgrove to deliver the papers, plus other related office costs and computer repairs.

In order for us to continue bringing you the local news we regretfully have to ask for your assistance. Any amount will be appreciated.

We feel that today is wrong time to stop your local paper that has recently exposed an elected official who just eliminated the collective voice of the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

Whether we like it or not new development is coming to Highgrove and we should be aware of what is planned in our neighborhoods. We publish the truth in the Highgrove Happenings because we do not belong to a syndicated news group who oversees our publication. We are independent and when we print something, we verify our facts from information received from public information requests, information I received by attending public meetings, city council meetings, RCTC meetings, and communicating with residents from both sides of the county line, obtaining written support from California State Senators from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and meeting with Congressman Takano. (See P. 5)

I will continue to bring the truth to you as long as long as I can because the information in our paper will not be found anywhere else! We pride ourselves in bringing you the truth even if it steps on the leaders and/or agencies who are supposed to be providing services to our community. My allegiance is to the people of Highgrove and in the past I have had many years of good relationships with former Supervisors Younglove, Mullen and Ashley. Unfortunately, the relationship with our present Supervisor Tavaglione has not been good due to some of the articles printed in our paper. But the information in our paper is backed up by written documentation and we challenge anyone to question the validiality of our articles. What we print is the truth and remember the truth never changes!

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R. A. “Barney” Barnett and Ardie Barnett

RCTC CHAIRMAN TAVAGLIONE IS ALSO SUPERVISOR TAVAGLIONE!

On March 8, 2017, I spoke at the Riverside County Transportation Commission meeting during public comments to invite the 30 RCTC members to take an RTA bus trip to see the vacant property at Highgrove that is already owned by RCTC where residents from both counties have supported a Metrolink station for over 15 years. I had previously made arrangements for RTA to furnish a bus before the April 12, 2017 RCTC meeting, or immediately after the meeting, so the commissioners could actually see their location so they can better understand that building a parking lot on their property will permit commuters to park and ride the existing Metrolink trains that currently go between the two counties, 7 days a week. I also asked Chairman Tavaglione if I could be placed on the April 12, 2017 RCTC agenda to answer questions about the Highgrove Metrolink location. **Chairman Tavaglione denied both of my requests!**

Why?

On March 8, 2017, why would the Chairman of the Riverside County “Transportation” Commission want to deny the other 30 commissioners the opportunity to actually see the property they own that is needed for “Transportation” purposes? A parking lot next to an existing Metrolink route is much cheaper than continuing to widen the freeways!

And **WHY** would this same RCTC Chairman write a letter as “Supervisor” Tavaglione on the same day as the RCTC meeting (March 8, 2017) that would eliminate the entire Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council?

After I received the letter from Supervisor Tavaglione, I resigned from the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council and requested that the Highgrove MAC be allowed to continue without me. It is unfair to punish all of Highgrove if his personal animosity is directed at me.

But at the public hearing on April 11, 2017 after 6 speakers spoke to continue the Highgrove MAC, Supervisor Tavaglione made the motion to **Dissolve the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council** and the other 3 Supervisors approved it because it was in Tavaglione’s district and not in their district. Board members generally defer to the Supervisor who represents a district in deciding policy matters linked specifically to that district.

A DVD of the comments made by the 6 Highgrove residents during the Board of Supervisor’s public hearing and Tavaglione’s comments can be seen on our web-site by going to: **www.highgrovehappenings.net** and **clicking on: the first Youtube video**

Barnett’s comments at the community meeting AFTER the MAC was dissolved can be seen by clicking on: **www.highgrovehappenings.net** and **clicking on: the second Youtube video**


One-on-one meeting with Congressman Takano

The day after Tavaglione dissolved the Highgrove MAC, I already had an appointment set up to meet with Congressman Mark Takano at his Riverside Office on April 12, 2017.

I took a friend with me who lives near the Perris Valley Line to verify the minimal ridership on the new Perris Valley Line Metrolink trains. The meeting lasted about 1 hour and Congressman Takano understands our position. Then a few days later on April 18, 2017 I went to a Town Hall meeting at the Orange show hosted by Congressman Pete Aguilar, who is the Congressman on the Grand Terrace side of the county line. I did not speak but I have been communicating with his staff member who does his scheduling to see if Congressman Aguilar will come to Highgrove and if he knows that the Cities of Grand Terrace, Loma Linda and Colton in Aguilar’s district have all given written support for a Metrolink station at the Highgrove location.

The Highgrove location is in Riverside County and under RCTC’s jurisdiction. But in San Bernardino County, SANBAG has stated that since it is in RCTC’s district and RCTC has opposed it, they do not want to go

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against RCTC's decision. The Highgrove location is only ½ mile south of the county line but this location would permit traveling on Metrolink trains between the 2 counties, 7 days a week on property already owned by RCTC.

The new Marlborough Ave. Metrolink station on the Perris Valley Line only operates 5 days a week and does not go San Bernardino County!

RCTC members are from many cities in Riverside County but how many RCTC members have actually been to the Highgrove location? The Perris Valley Line is now completed and a parking lot at Highgrove, where the curved track is located to connect the 2 railroads, will not interfere with the new Metrolink trains between Riverside and Perris.

The RCTC members may never see the property they own if Chairman

Tavaglione continues to refuse to let them see their property at Highgrove! This is unfair to the commissioners, the cities and residents, and organizations from both counties who have supported this location for many years. Since we already have support for a Metrolink station in Highgrove from California State Senators from both counties, we are working on getting support from Congressmen from both counties to try and get the Riverside County Transportation Commission and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (Former SANBAG) to work together to establish a Metrolink station and parking lot at Highgrove. Co-operation from both transportation agencies is needed to build a Metrolink station at Highgrove because this location is close to the county line that would benefit residents from both counties.



ROADWAY SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – With warmer weather on the way, motorcycle riders will be gearing up and taking to California's roadways. The month of May is recognized as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will work together all month long to help reduce the number of motorcycle fatal and injury collisions and to promote roadway safety through education and awareness.

California Department of Motor Vehicles data reports there are over 884,000 registered motorcycles and more than 1.4 million licensed riders. Throughout the spring and summer, the number of motorcyclists on the road will increase. Creating a safer highway environment is the shared responsibility of drivers and motorcyclists alike. This is achieved by staying alert and using common sense and courtesy while on the road.

"No matter how you travel on California's roadways, safety should always come first. Motorcyclists and drivers both share equal responsibility for roadway safety," said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow. "Motorcyclists are sometimes hard to see and are more vulnerable to collisions than other drivers. Be alert, share the road, and look twice for riders."

According to preliminary data from the CHP's Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, last year 476 motorcyclists were killed in traffic collisions and more than 14,000 others were injured. In 2015, there were 494 motorcyclists killed and more than 13,500 injured.

Riders can help protect themselves by always using turn signals, avoiding riding in a vehicle's blind spot, following the rules of the road, and always riding sober. Wearing an approved U.S. Department of Transportation compliant motorcycle safety helmet and proper protective gear can mean the difference between life and death.

Motorists can also do their part by sharing the road. The majority of multi-vehicle motorcycle collisions are caused when other drivers simply did not see the motorcyclist. It is important for motorists to

understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists such as size and visibility. Look twice for motorcyclists and leave plenty of space between your vehicle and the rider.

"With great weather and scenery, California has always been a state where motorcycling for recreation and commuting takes place virtually year-round," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "But both riders and drivers must be constantly aware of the dangers. We all have to be mindful of every vehicle around us and share the roadways with safety in mind."

The CHP realizes that traffic collisions can happen to anyone, regardless of their skill level, which is why the CHP strongly encourages all riders, new and experienced, to enroll in the California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP). The CMSP was developed in July 1987 and has 120 training sites throughout the state. The CMSP trains approximately 66,000 motorcyclists per year, and as of 2016, the CMSP has trained more than 1 million motorcycle riders. For more information or to find a training site near you, visit californiamotorcyclist.com.

"The CMSP's mission is to make motorcycling safer by reducing the number of riders killed or injured every year through continued training and education," said Commissioner Farrow.

As part of Motorcycle Awareness Safety Month, the CMSP and the CHP unveiled a new media campaign, which includes public service announcements that will be broadcasted on radio, television, social media, and billboards throughout California.

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By: Dr. Cynthia Williams



A few decades into the “women’s liberation” movement, mothers are still trying to figure out how to “do it all”. Many mothers are working moms- by choice or by necessity and the balance they try to strike between work and home demands is the grit of thousands of magazine articles and millions of social media discussions. The expectations are high. The internal pressure and stress can be crushing. The built-in expectations of what a mother should do is overwhelming women who are stretched too thin with the challenges of daily life. You women will notice the discrepancy of expectations between moms and dads: have any one of you EVER seen an article, watched a bit on a show, heard a discussion of how the men, the fathers of the world “do it all” ?? To this day, I haven’t. The difference is the social expectations that are placed on mothers.

I am a mom who had to do it all. As a single parent with a mostly absent father, I was juggling all the balls. Chiropractic school was the most difficult period of my life I have had to date. People would ask “how do you do it?” My response was usually “I don’t think about it, because if I did I would think it couldn’t be done and I would quit.” Quitting wasn’t an option so I just put one foot in front of the other, working toward my goal, one day at a time. After college, starting my practice, I was challenged and stretched even more. It was never easy.

What’s the solution for a frazzled mom? I didn’t get it 100% right. At this point I can only look back and assess the outcome. Did I make a living well enough for my children to have a good home? Yes. Did I have a business that was successful by the standards of my peers? Yes. Were my children safe, healthy, fed, clothed and at school every day? Yes. Did they get to participate in outside activities? Yes. Did I have a social life? Yes. Was it all done perfectly? NO. My solution was managing expectations. This is the most critical aspect. Expectations. Take the pressure off by taking the expectations of perfection off.

Aligning expectations is the key to a sane motherhood. Tune out social media. Skip the How To articles and don’t compare yourself to other moms. Keep life simple. Tune out

the negative tiny chatterbox in your head that constantly judges your every moment. It isn’t necessary to have the perfect holiday party, the perfectly matched clothing, or the photo-studio-looking children. The kids DO NOT have to sign up for every class, sport, trip or club. Make your choices towards the activities that you can in some way do together and activities that will be good for them in years to come. Sports should be done as a fun, healthy, social outlet, not training for a pro-career. If dad is in the picture, it’s even better. Hopefully he is on the same page of the child rearing manual. I’ve seen a trend towards dad being more involved in the lives of their children and I think it’s a great thing. Maybe someday it will be the norm and not an oddity.

I knew my kids couldn’t be in every club, sport and activity because I wasn’t available to cart them to and fro. It didn’t bother me because I knew it wasn’t necessary for their well being and future adult lives. I made many decisions based on the future outcome of their lives. I IGNORED the social pressure and made the choices based on what was best within my abilities to deliver. I also made conscious decisions to be available to be with my girls; I tried to steer them to activities that I could participate in with them. (Girl Scouts) I didn’t think it was the best use of either their free time and my free time if I was just taxiing them to practice and games and sitting on the sidelines. I volunteered to be part of the activity so I could have that “quality time” that is so important. Did I have much of a social life on my own? No. The activities I participated in, in conjunction with my profession and business, served as my social outlet. I kept in mind that my time with my daughters at home was relatively short and a “job” I had signed up for and needed to give my all. I’ve had lots of time for me since then. You will too.

This is your time in your life and their lives for you to engage with each other. PUT DOWN the phone, get up and be with the kids. If you pay attention to them when they are young they will be more likely to pay attention to you when they reach middle and high school. You will be nourishing the lines of communication that are critical as they are approaching maturity. You are investing in them as future adults. It’s not difficult, it’s just a different way of thinking.

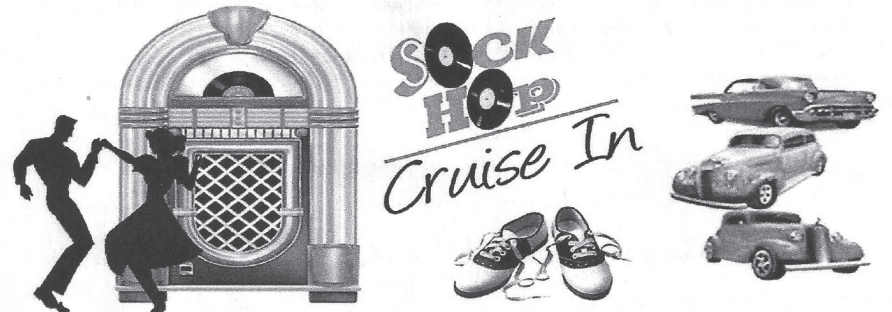
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